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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated September 6, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 2 of this paper.